

Page 7, line 16, delete "and" and substitute --as well as--;  
line 35, delete "126" and substitute --125--.

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12 and 14-19 as follows:

Q4 Sub B-1 > 1. (Amended) A wheel retention device comprising:  
a base adapted for mounting on a rack and including an open cavity [having a central axis], said open cavity being sized to receive a portion of a wheel therein; and  
a retention ring mounted on said base, wherein said retention ring is adapted to rotate generally around said [central axis] base so as to [enclose] block an opening to said cavity and secure [a] the wheel [therein] relative to said base,  
wherein said base and said retention rings comprise plural mating faceted surfaces for securing said retention ring relative to said base in absence of a rotational movement applied to said ring by a user.

2. (Amended) A wheel retention device according to claim 1 wherein the wheel comprises a bicycle wheel and said open cavity is sized to receive a portion of a rim and a tire of [a] said bicycle wheel therein.

Q5 Sub D5 > 4. (Amended) A wheel retention device according to claim 3 wherein said retention ring extends circumferentially approximately 270° around said [central axis] base.

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6. (Amended) A wheel retention device according to claim 5 wherein said [groove includes beveled surfaces and wherein said retention ring includes mating beveled surfaces such that the retention ring is nominally positioned with said mating beveled surfaces aligned with said beveled surfaces] plural mating faceted surfaces define linear segments, wherein a first linear segment is at an angle of approximately 20 degrees relative to a second, adjacent linear segment.

7. (Amended) A wheel retention device according to claim 1 wherein said [open cavity includes] base defines a shoulder in the open cavity so as to [mount] facilitate mounting of said base on [said] the rack.

8. (Amended) A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle therein, comprising:

a first wheel well adapted for receiving a first wheel of the wheeled vehicle therein;

a second wheel well operatively connected to said first wheel well, said second wheel well comprising a channel; and

a wheel retention device including a base adapted for mounting on said channel and a retention ring mounted on said base, said retention ring adapted to rotate [with respect to] in discrete segmented steps about said base so as to retain a second wheel of [a] said wheeled vehicle within said base thereby securing [the] said wheeled vehicle to the rack.

9. (Amended) A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle according to claim 8 wherein said base includes a central opening extending therethrough, said central opening adapted for receiving [a] said second wheel therein.

10. (Amended) A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle according to claim 9 wherein rotation of said retention ring [is adapted to rotate] with respect to said base [so as to enclose] enables said ring to block said central opening thereby securing [a] said second wheel therein.

12. (Amended) A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle according to claim 11 wherein said [groove] base includes a plurality of beveled surfaces and wherein said retention ring includes a plurality of corresponding mating beveled surfaces such that the retention ring is nominally [stationarily positioned] held stationary with respect to said base but is adapted to rotate in discrete segmented steps.

14. (Amended) A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle according to claim 9 wherein said [central opening includes] base defines a shoulder in the central opening so as to [mount] facilitate mounting of said base on said channel.

15. (Amended) A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack comprising the steps of:  
placing a first wheel of the wheeled vehicle in a first wheel well of the rack;

placing a second wheel of the wheeled vehicle in a second wheel well of the rack, said second wheel well having a wheel retention device mounted thereon;

[rotating] moving a retention [wheel] member of said wheel retention device in discrete segmented steps with respect to a base of said wheel retention device so as to retain the second wheel within the base and thereby secure the wheeled vehicle to the rack.

as 16. (Amended) A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 15 wherein said base includes a central cavity extending therethrough, said central cavity having an opening adapted for receiving [a] said second wheel therein, said retention member blocking the opening in said central cavity after placement of said second wheel in said central cavity.

17. (Amended) A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 16 wherein said retention [ring] member is adapted to rotate with respect to said base so as to enclose said central cavity.

18. (Amended) A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 15 wherein said base includes a periphery and a groove formed therein, [said] with said retention [ring] member being mounted within said groove.

19. (Amended) A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 18 wherein said groove includes beveled surfaces and wherein said retention [ring] member includes a

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plurality of mating beveled surfaces that nest with the beveled surfaces of said groove such that the retention ring is nominally stationarily positioned with respect to said base.

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Please add new claims as follows:

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21. A wheel retaining device for a bicycle rack comprising:  
a base member for receiving the wheel in engaging relation therewith;

a securement member for retaining the wheel in engaging relation with the base member; and

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stepwise movement control means for retaining said securement member and said base member in position with respect to one another while enabling stepwise movement of said securement member and said base member relative to one another.

Sub B4 > 22. A wheel retaining device according to claim 21 wherein said stepwise movement control means comprises nesting segmented portions defined on said base member and said securement member.

23. A wheel retaining device according to claim 22 wherein said nesting segmented portions comprise plural beveled regions defined on said base and corresponding complementary plural beveled portions defined on said securement member.

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In the Abstract:

Page 15, line 2, delete "is provided that".